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Acknowledgement of Reply Brief

The reply brief filed July 12, 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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